



THE ELECTRIC EPILOG

Christ Church News

July 2, 2009

This Week's Inspirational Thought

"And Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." Luke 24:32

PRAYER FOR OUR HEALING AT CHRIST CHURCH

Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come into our lives and into our community of faith at Christ Church with your loving, healing, transforming touch that we may be at one with you and with each other. Amen.

THE NUMBERS

Attendance at Saturday, June 20, 5:00 pm: 19
 Attendance at Sunday, June 21, 8:00 am: 53
 Attendance at Sunday, June 21, 10:30 am 109

Pledge Receipts \$ 5,514.40

Receipts required to meet current expenses \$15,000

Alleluia Campaign Receipts \$ 2,570.00

This week at Christ Church

Friday	7/3	7:00 pm	Board Room	Friends & Family of Incarcerated Persons
Saturday	7/4	8:45 am	Board Room	Bible Study
		5:00 pm	Main Church	Vigil Mass
Sunday	7/5	6:30 pm	Chapel	American Catholic Church
		8:00 am	Parish Hall	Gift Shop Open
		8:00 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		9:15 am	Guild Room	Christian Formation: "Back to Basics"
		10:30 am	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		12:30 pm	Main Church	Romanian Orthodox Church
Monday	7/6	6:30 pm	Parish Hall	Holy Cross Episcopal sleep over night
		7:00 pm	Parish Hall	Alcoholics Anonymous
Tuesday	7/7	8:30 am	Warden's Office	Clergy Staff Meeting
		9:00 am	Sunday School #2	Arts and Crafts
		9:30 am	Guild Room	Church Staff Meeting
Wednesday	7/8	10:00 am	Sunday School #3	Bible Study
		12:05 pm	Main Church	Holy Eucharist
		4:30 pm	Parish Hall/Kitchen	Amazing Grace Dinner

HEALING MINISTRY: Is now included with the services on Sunday.

Click on this link for past issues - <http://www.christepiscopallv.org/enotes/lister.php>

Upcoming Events

Cheryl Fox to be Ordained at Christ Church

Christ Church's Deacon Cheryl Fox will be ordained at Christ Church on August 15th (time to be announced later). Bishop Dan Edwards will preside. A Parish Hall reception for Cheryl and her invited guests and family will follow the service. The Christ Church family is invited.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS

Father Vince O'Neill is teaching "**Back to Basics,**" a Christian Formation class every Sunday from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. This is a 12 week course. Everyone is welcome at anytime.

Parish Needs List

NEED

Sign for corner of St. Louis and Maryland Parkway

COST

\$ 2,500.00

Parish Volunteer List

WE NEED:

Ushers
Greeters
Assistant Event Coordinator

Additional Transportation to Camp Galilee

This year we are adding ground transportation for Las Vegas campers - July 12-18 for the Middle School 1 session (grades 6-9). Please call the Church Office, 735-7655 for further information. Also, if you have people who are interested in helping with the driving, please let me know. We need to have two drivers per run. As in the past, we are providing transportation from the Reno airport for campers who fly from Las Vegas. This can be arranged through the Camp Registrar, Joanna Morris at 775-747-2260.



EXCITING NEWS

The ladies residing at Oxford House, a sober living community, will be joining us on Wednesday nights in cooking and serving our homeless friends. We can thank Mark Reinert for making this all possible. Join me in welcoming Oxford House into our midst.

Christ Church Service Schedule

Saturday	7/4	5:00 pm	Independence Day
Sunday	7/5	8:00 am	
		10:30 am	
Wednesday	7/8	12:05 pm	
Saturday	7/11	5:00 pm	
Sunday	7/12	8:00 am	
		10:30 am	
Wednesday	7/15	12:05 pm	
Saturday	7/18	5:00 pm	
Sunday	7/19	8:00 am	
		10:30 am	
Saturday	7/25	5:00 pm	
Sunday	7/26	8:00 am	
		10:30 am	
Wednesday	7/29	12:05 pm	
Saturday	8/1	5:00 pm	
Sunday	8/2	8:00 am	
		10:30 am	
Wednesday	8/5	12:05 pm	



HEALING

Much of Jesus Ministry was a healing ministry to those in need in body, mind and spirit for themselves and for others. Jesus commanded his followers to do likewise, and the Church has been faithful to His words over the centuries.

As we at Christ Church continue our Lord's work in time and place, we believe a ministry of healing is an essential part of our call to serve one another.

Presently the clergy offer this healing as members return from Holy Communion. It is our hope that our healing ministry will soon be led by lay ministers.

We ask members of Christ Church who wish to share in this important healing ministry to contact Fr. Vince. There will be a training program to introduce these interested to receive a proper understanding of healing, prayers for healing and the context of Christ's ministry in our midst.

In Christ, Fr. Vince

STAY TUNED!**PIPE ORGANS vs. ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS:**

People generally are divided as to whether a pipe organ or an electronic instrument should be installed.

There are a few things to consider: (1) space, (2) longevity, (3) sound preference, (4) visual presence, and of course, (5) price.

Space will definitely be a factor in which type of instrument is considered. Some churches just simply do not have the space to install a pipe organ so there is no other option besides electronic. We have a balcony which is the traditional and the optimum installation of a pipe organ.

Longevity: How long will the church be standing? We know that our church has already been in existence for over one hundred years. We expect that it will still be serving God's people for at least another hundred years. We also know that our new organ will be there for as long as the church is, if properly maintained. This includes periodic tuning, usually 2-3 times per year, and normal cleaning and conditioning of the wood, just like you would do for your expensive furniture in your home.

Now we come to the sound difference of the two. For the untrained ear, there may not be a difference. But to a trained ear there is no comparison of sound! On an electronic organ the tones are produced digitally from recorded pipe sounds and are then broadcast from speaker units placed strategically in the space. The sound is that of a good quality sound system, not that of a musical instrument. Imagine listening to a concerto in a concert hall being played on a CD player through the sound system. Now, imagine being in that same hall, listening to the same concerto being played by a symphony orchestra. There is absolutely no comparison.

Visual presence: It is paramount that the organ be designed to fit the architectural style of the space. Our organ is being constructed in the mission style that is so present in our church. The organ should enhance the look of the worship space and not detract from the central focal point of the sanctuary.

And finally the dreaded cost factor.... The difference in the cost can be astronomical. Electronic instruments are much cheaper than pipe organs. However, the technology used in electronic instruments changes rapidly. Look at what changes and advances have happened with computers over the past 40 years! Also, since the instrument is all electrical, the components cannot hold up over the long run. As the electronic organ ages, the components wear out and need to be replaced, and the technology becomes very dated. Generally electronic instruments need to be replaced anywhere from ten to twenty years. Pipe organs, on the other hand, are still being built with the same basic technology of many years ago. The organ that Bach played every Sunday is still operational in Europe. Pipe organs are made of organic materials, such as wood, tin, zinc, copper, etc. These materials, if properly maintained, will last for many, many years.

Investment in a pipe organ is good stewardship of the church funds and it will also attract new members for **the church.**

Kathi Colman, Organ Committee Chairman

NEXT WEEK: Definitions of terms for the organ

**Altar Guild Needs Your Help**

The dedicated members of our Altar Guild need help. More to the point they need you! Jacie Lenning says she could use at least 10 volunteers to staff the teams of volunteers who help make our Saturday and Sunday services so beautiful. The job description is as follows: Each team works one Saturday and one Sunday per month. On Saturday they set up the altar from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. The work may involve cleaning silver or glassware, filling oil candles, and trimming wicks. On Sunday the 8:00 am part of the team arrives at 7:30 to finish setup and the 10:30 service team does the takedown. If you have time once a month we could use your help. The Altar Guild is a very integral part of our worship service and your participation is desperately needed. Anyone who wishes to have a truly rewarding experience should call Jacie Lenning 456-8734.



“I in You and You in Me” is the theme of the 76th General Convention in Anaheim, California from July 8 – 17, 2009. “Ubuntu is a way of seeing the world-and the people in it – as an intricate web of relationships. Ubuntu encourages harmony and interdependence among individuals, communities – and even nations and the world at large. For Christians, especially, practicing Ubuntu means entering deeply into the compassionate, forgiving love of the Gospel. It means understanding in our core that we’re all in this world – and we all find God-together. It means that I am because we are.”

General Convention 2009

By Deputy JoAnn Roberts Armstead

Soon we will gather in Anaheim for worship, debate, and many, many meetings! Deputies were sent Michael Battle’s ground-breaking book, UBUNTU (Foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu) to read and to share. The book is available upon request. I urge you to open the Electric Epilog and read the convention article(s) in its entirety as it brings to our Christ Church family news of positive changes within the wider church.

There are many Resolutions in the “Blue Book”, (the book is red this year, a color taken from the logo of the convention theme, Ubuntu) that deputies must be prepared to address. In this article I will focus on Resolution A138. This resolution establishes a mandatory lay employee’s pension system.

Highlights of Resolution A138

The Church establishes a mandatory lay employee pension system for employees who are scheduled to work a minimum of 1,000 hours annually for any domestic diocese, parish or mission.

The Church Pension Fund will be authorized to establish and administer the lay employee pension system of the Church.

The lay employee pension system will provide benefits that shall, initially, include defined benefit plan(s) and defined contribution plan(s).

The implementation of the mandatory lay employee pension system shall be completed no sooner than January 1, 2011 and no later than January 1, 2012.

Background

In 1991, General Convention passed Resolution D165a requiring employers to provide pensions to lay employees working 1,000 hours or more per year. In the intervening years, 70 percent of congregations with eligible lay employees have provided this benefit.

The Impact

Churches have time to phase in implementation by January 1, 2012.

Contribution levels remain the same (a minimum employer contribution of 9%).

The estimated annual percentage of a congregation’s operating revenue needed to provide lay pension benefits for those lay employees who currently do not have these benefits ranges from 0.03% to 1.02%. That amounts to \$12 to \$34 per pledging unit, depending on the size of congregation, with an average mean of \$20.80.

Other Resolutions capturing attention are: A123; National Day of Repentance, A098 *Holy Women, Holy Men, Celebrating the Saints*, commons for artist and writers, this is an addition to *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*; A045 Restricting Use Of Bottled Water, Energy and Water Conservation; and the passing of B033 at the 2006 General Convention. “All the Sacraments for all the baptized” are Integrity’s LGBT issues at this convention.